

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company,
Annex
Seventh and Jackson Streets
Dubuque
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Iowa

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Site Location: Seventh and Jackson Streets
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.9
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692080.4707780
Lot dimensions : 120'x 256' : .70 acre
Lot description: City Lots 364 and 368
Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: warehouse
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 101'x 255'; seven stories
Orientation : east
Architectural Plan type : rectangular; 7-story open plan factory.
Description : Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls.
Structure : concrete column and slab with masonry bearing walls.
Ext. walls: common red brick laid in common bond.
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.
Chimneys : none visible.
Windows : painted wood 12/12 double-hung windows with loose lintels and concrete slip sills, placed singly or in pairs.
Openings : sectional garage doors lining the first floor walls on all sides, all with loose lintels and plain board enframements. Metal/wood canopies cantilever from the walls over the loading doors: full-length continuous canopies on the east and north walls and smaller, individual canopies on the west wall.
Details : regularly spaced vertical brick corbels on exterior walls, including stepped out panels at the corners and center and indented window panels; corbeled brick string course between 6th and 7th floor levels and at parapet level; terra cotta tile copings and date blocks inset in walls at parapet level.

Construction Date : 1917
Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional
Physical History : This seven-story brick industrial building was constructed by the Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company in 1917 to function as a

warehouse and factory annex for the firm's sash, door and blind production. Built for the reported cost of \$125,000, the building adjoined the existing plant across Seventh Street by bridges on the second, third and fourth floors. The structure was divided into two halves by a fire wall. The first floor of the south portion was used for shipping, with warehouse space on the floors above; the north portion was used as a factory. Canopied loading docks aligned the full widths of the east and north wall. Five smaller docks with cantilevered wood canopies were positioned next to the railroad spur on the west wall. The building remains unaltered.

Significance: The Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company Annex is historically significant in its association with one of Dubuque's largest manufacturing firms, although its 1917 construction date places it late in the milieu of the company's development. Architecturally, the building is a well proportioned and typically detailed representative of the concrete/masonry structures built in Dubuque's industrial district.

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